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CHANCELLOR SENT FOR ME THIS MORNING TO ASK SECRETARY BE INFORMED HE HAD NOW RECEIVED ANSWER FROM MACMILLAN TO ADENAUER LETTER REGARDING CERTAIN REMARKS MADE BY BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN BONN WHEN HE DELIVERED MACMILLAN'S LETTER ABOUT JOURNEY TO MOSCOW. SECRETARY WILL REMEMBER IN PRIVATE MEETING CHANCELLOR SAID STEEL HAD REFERRED TO POSSIBILITIES OF WESTERN POWERS NEGOTIATING WITH GDR, AND PUBLIC CONCERN WHETHER WORTH RISKING WAR OVER GDR RECOGNITION.

CHANCELLOR HAD SENT LETTER THROUGH PRIVATE CHANNELS, NOT FONOFF, ON THIS SUBJECT, TO MACMILLAN. LATTER'S ORAL REPLY TO FEDREP AMBASSADOR LONDON WAS EVASIVE AND UNSATISFACTORY, TO EFFECT THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CHANCELLOR AND STEEL AS TO LANGUAGE USED. AT ANY RATE, CHANCELLOR HAS NOT SEEN BRITISH AMBASSADOR, BUT FEELS HIS OWN NOTES ON CON-
VERSATION WERE EXACT.

ADENAUER SENT WARMEST REGARDS TO SECRETARY. SAID HE HAD GONE OVER PAPERS AND QUESTIONNAIRE WASHINGTON WORKING GROUPS AND CONSIDERED THEM "MISERABLE". SAID HE HAD CONSULTED GENERAL HEUSINGER ABOUT MILITARY ASPECTS SOME TOPICS DISCUSSED AND HEUSINGER HAD GIVEN OPINION THEY WERE "NONSENSE". ADENAUER THINKS WORKING GROUPS SHOULD CONTINUE, BUT STATESMEN WILL HAVE TO DECIDE MANY QUESTIONS RAISED ON GROUNDS PRINCIPLE. ESPECIALLY CONTINUATION FEDREP FIRM CONNECTIONS WITH WESTERN INSTITUTIONS SAID HIS CHIEF OCCUPATION AT MOMENT WAS LINING UP CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED PRESIDENT HEUSS. EVIDENT HE IS DERIVING MUCH PERSONAL PLEASURE FROM THIS MANEUVER.

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